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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 12, 1853.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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**AN ACT**

Making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated,  
4       out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
5       for the support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth  
6       of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four:

7       For pay of the army, one million eight hundred and four-  
8       teen thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars;

9       For commutation of officers' subsistence, six hundred and  
10      fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty-seven dollars;

11      For commutation of forage for officers' horses, one hun-  
12      dred and four thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight dollars;

13      For payments in lieu of clothing for officers' servants,  
14      thirty-six thousand three hundred and twenty dollars;

15        For expenses of recruiting, forty-three thousand two hun-  
16    dred dollars;

17        For three months' extra pay for non-commissioned offi-  
18    cers, musicians, and privates, on re-enlistment, ten thousand  
19    dollars;

20        For subsistence in kind, one million and twenty-eight  
21    thousand four hundred and ninety-seven dollars;

22        For clothing for the army, camp and garrison equipage,  
23    and horse equipments, three hundred and fifty-two thousand  
24    one hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty-six cents;

25        For the regular supplies of the quartermaster's depart-  
26    ment, consisting of fuel, forage in kind for the horses, mules,  
27    and oxen of the quartermaster's department, at the several mili-  
28    tary posts and stations, and with the armies in the field; for  
29    the horses of the first and second regiments of dragoons, the  
30    companies of light artillery, the regiment of mounted rifle-  
31    men, and such companies of infantry as may be mounted, and  
32    also for the authorized number of officers' horses, when serving  
33    in the field, and at the outposts; of straw for soldiers' bedding,  
34    and of stationery, including company and other blank books for  
35    the army, certificates for discharged soldiers, blank forms for  
36    the pay and quartermaster's departments, and for the printing  
37    of division and department orders, army regulations, and re-  
38    ports, one million and fifty thousand dollars;

39        For the incidental expenses of the quartermaster's depart-

40 ment, consisting of postage on letters and packets received and  
41 sent by officers of the army on public service; expenses of  
42 courts-martial and courts of inquiry, including the additional  
43 compensation to judge advocates, recorders, members, and wit-  
44 nesses, while on that service, under the act of March sixteenth,  
45 eighteen hundred and two; extra pay to soldiers employed,  
46 under the direction of the quartermaster's department, in the  
47 erection of barracks, quarters, storehouses, and hospitals; the  
48 construction of roads and other constant labor, for periods of  
49 not less than ten days, under the act of March second, eighteen  
50 hundred and nineteen; expenses of expresses to and from the  
51 frontier posts and armies in the field; of escorts to paymasters,  
52 other disbursing officers, and trains, when military escorts can-  
53 not be furnished; expenses of the interment of non-commis-  
54 sioned officers and soldiers; authorized office furniture; hire of  
55 laborers in the quartermaster's department, including hire of  
56 interpreters, spies, and guides for the army; compensation of  
57 clerk to officers of the quartermaster's department; compensa-  
58 tion of forage and wagon masters, authorized by the act of  
59 July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight; for the apprehension  
60 of deserters, and the expenses incident to their pursuit; the va-  
61 rious expenditures required for the first and second regiments  
62 of dragoons, the companies of light artillery, the regiment of  
63 mounted riflemen, and such companies of infantry as may be  
64 mounted, including the purchase of travelling forges, black-

smith's and shoeing tools, horse and mule shoes, iron, hire of  
veterinary surgeons, and medicines for horses and mules, three  
hundred thousand dollars;

For constructing, repairing, and enlarging barracks, quarters, hospitals, storehouses, stables, wharves, and ways at the several posts and army depots; for temporary cantonments, and the authorized furniture for barrack-rooms of non-commissioned officers and soldiers; gun-houses for the protection of cannon, including the necessary tools and materials for the objects enumerated, and for rent of quarters and offices for officers, and barracks and hospitals for troops, where there are no public buildings for their accommodation; for storehouses for the safe-keeping of military stores, and of grounds for summer cantonments and encampments, three hundred thousand dollars;

For erecting barracks and quarters at the Republican Fork of the Kansas river, sixty-five thousand dollars;

For erecting barracks and quarters for a military post on Minnesota river, forty thousand dollars;

For mileage or allowance made to officers for the transportation of themselves and baggage, when travelling on duty without troops, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars;

For transportation of the army, including the baggage of the troops, when moving either by land or water; of clothing, camp and garrison equipage, and horse-equipments, from the depot at Philadelphia to the several posts and army depots; of

90 subsistence from the places of purchase, and from the places of  
 91 delivery, under contract, to such places as the circumstances of  
 92 the service may require it to be sent; of ordnance, ordnance  
 93 stores, and small-arms, from the foundries and armories to the  
 94 arsenals, fortifications, frontier posts, and army depots; freights,  
 95 tolls, and ferriages; for the purchase and hire of horses, mules,  
 96 oxen, wagons, carts, drays, ships, and other sea-going vessels  
 97 and boats, for the transportation of supplies, and for garrison  
 98 purposes; for drayage and cartage at the several posts; hire of  
 99 teamsters; transportation of funds for the pay and other dis-  
 100 bursing departments; the expense of sailing public transports  
 101 on the various rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlantic  
 102 and Pacific; and for procuring water at such posts as from  
 103 their situation require that it be brought from a distance, one  
 104 million five hundred thousand dollars;

105       For the purchase of horses required for the first and  
 106 second regiments of dragoons, the companies of light artillery,  
 107 the regiment of mounted riflemen, and such companies of in-  
 108 fantry as may be mounted, one hundred and eighty thousand  
 109 dollars;

110       For the medical and hospital departments, fifty-two thou-  
 111 sand dollars;

112       For cannon, gun-carriages, and projectiles for sea-coast  
 113 defence, one hundred thousand dollars;

114 For ordnance, ordnance stores, and supplies, sixty-five  
115 thousand dollars ;

116 For the current expenses of the ordnance service, one  
117 hundred thousand dollars ;

118 For the manufacture of arms at the national armories, two  
119 hundred and fifty thousand dollars ;

120 To make good damages at Harper's Ferry, caused by the  
121 flood of nineteenth and twentieth of April, eighteen hundred  
122 and fifty-two, twenty thousand dollars ;

123 For repairs and improvements and new machinery at Har-  
124 per's Ferry, twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and fifty  
125 dollars ;

126 For repairs and improvements and new machinery at  
127 Springfield armory, forty-six thousand and ninety-four dollars :  
128 *Provided*, That, from and after the first day of July next, so  
129 much of the act of Congress approved August twenty-third,  
130 eighteen hundred and forty-two, as places the national armories  
131 under the superintendence of an officer of the ordnance corps,  
132 be, and the same is hereby, repealed ; and from that day the  
133 said armories shall be under that system of superintendence  
134 which existed prior to the passage of said act of Congress ;

135 For arsenals, forty-one thousand and seventy-one dollars ;  
136 and that the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized to  
137 abolish such of the arsenals of the United States as in his  
138 judgment may be useless or unnecessary ;

139 For arrearages prior to July first, eighteen hundred and  
 140 fifteen, payable through the office of the Third Auditor, under  
 141 an act approved May first, eighteen hundred and twenty, in  
 142 addition to an unexpended balance of seven thousand four hun-  
 143 dred and twenty-six dollars remaining in the treasury on the  
 144 thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-  
 145 two, three thousand five hundred dollars ;

146 For arrearages of pay, subsistence, and clothing due to  
 147 Captain Richard McRae's company of Virginia volunteers,  
 148 which served in the war with Great Britain in eighteen hun-  
 149 dred and twelve and thirteen, the sum of ten thousand three  
 150 hundred and thirty-four dollars and thirty-one cents ;

151 For bridges and establishing communications between  
 152 Fort Leavenworth and the Republican Fork of the Kansas  
 153 river, eleven thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the proper  
 2 accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they  
 3 are hereby, authorized to adjust and settle the claims of the  
 4 State of Florida for the services of her troops under the act of  
 5 February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, by  
 6 the provisions stated for the settlement of the claims of the  
 7 State of Georgia for like services, as prescribed by the act ap-  
 8 proved thirty-first August, eighteen hundred and fifty-two,  
 9 entitled " An act making appropriations for the support of the  
 10 army for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred

11 and fifty-three;" and that the Secretary of War be authorized  
12 to distribute the arms provided for by the act of Congress of  
13 eighteen hundred and eight to the State of Iowa according to  
14 her representation in Congress.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary  
2 of War be directed to report to Congress whether, in his  
3 opinion, it would not be more economical to cause all the arms  
4 of the United States to be made by contract.

Passed the House of Representatives February 11, 1853.

Attest :

JOHN W. FORNEY,

*Clerk.*